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A Note From Pastor Andrew

Recently I read an article from *The Lutheran Magazine*. It dealt with the growing or rather shrinking church. You may know that over the last twenty to fifty years mainline churches, as well as non-denominational churches, have been suffering from shrinking membership. God seems to have taken a backseat to other things in the world. As our friend, Pastor Todd would often tell us, "Lapeer is 70%-80% unchurched, at least." What an outlandish number! In addition, people seem to up and leave the church for whatever reason, and often-shrinking numbers are blamed on; mistakes made, bad choices, or poor leadership. However, is this really the case? Therefore, with all this in mind I put forth to you some questions to consider per this article from *The Lutheran*. I look forward to any of your thoughts.

Does your congregation play a blame and shame game over membership loss? Well given that 82 percent of ELCA congregations have declined in membership since 2000, the first thing to realize is that the problem is well beyond you, your church or your leaders. What is the mood of your congregation? Can blame and shame—or guilt, despair, grief, frustration and anger—help your congregation find a way forward? How can you help your congregation and leaders put them aside?

A lot to think about, we're in this together,
Pastor Andrew

Announcements

Friendship Sunday—September 6

When? Every first Sunday of each month! What? Invite friends, family, co-workers to a free breakfast and an amazing service! Just tell them, "Yummy food, no dishes, no preparation.....then sit down for a relaxing and invigorating service!"

Absolutely Everyone welcome, no matter where, when or how you are in life!

Lapeer Days Parade

CTK will participate in the Lapeer Days Parade this year. We welcome everyone to walk with us in the parade. Saturday, August 22. Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. We will be lined up by 10:00 a.m. We will wear our CTK t-shirts!! We will let you know our line-up location as soon as it is received. We will be pulling a trailer, so there will be a place to sit if you don't want to walk for the whole parade. See Terri Forthoffer or Sue Halamka for more details. **We need a lot of people to walk with us. It is only for a couple hours on a Saturday morning. Donuts provided before the parade starts!!**

CTK Annual Golf Outing

When: Sunday, August 30 at 12:00 noon

Where: Arcadia Hills, 3801 Haines Rd, Attica, MI 48412

Cost: \$15.00 per person, includes 9 holes, cart, hotdog and pop.

If you would like to ride along (not golf) and eat cost is \$8.00 per person. You must be 16 years old to drive a golf cart.

Get a group of 4 people together to golf. You do not need to be a member of CTK.

Please sign up so we can give the course an accurate count. See Bob Forthoffer for more information or if you would like to help with this event

Hotdogs and pop will be provided, please bring a dish to share.

Collecting School Supplies

Once again we will be collecting school supplies to give to teachers at Mayfield School. Watch for the back to school sales and bring items to CTK.

Church Council

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, August 16, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. We meet the third Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to attend.

CTK Teams

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

Marketing and Publicity Team

Next meeting is September 3 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

Fellowship Team

Next meeting is on September 13 at 8:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

Outreach Team

Next meeting is August 13 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the second Thursday of every month.

Worship Team

Our next meeting is August 27 at 5:00 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

CTK Small Groups

Women's Bible Study

Please see Linda Hash for time and location.

Sowing Threads of Fellowship

We will resume in September.

Women's Group

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us!

The next meeting is September 8 at 6:00 pm.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 13

5:45 pm Free Meal

6:30 pm Worship

7:15 pm Outreach Team meeting

Sunday, August 16

8:15 am Fellowship
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
10:15 am Church Council

Thursday, August 20

5:45 pm Free Meal
6:30 pm Worship

Saturday, August 22

10:00 am Lapeer Days Parade*

Sunday, August 23

8:15 am Fellowship
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship

Thursday, August 27

5:00 pm Worship Team meeting
5:45 pm Free Meal
6:30 pm Worship

Sunday, August 30

8:15 am Fellowship
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship
12:00 pm CTK Golf Outing

Thursday, September 3

5:45 pm Free Meal
6:30 pm Worship
7:15 pm Marketing and Publicity Team meeting

Sunday, September 6-Friendship Sunday

8:00 am Pancake Breakfast
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Fellowship